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7. (Amended) An unlockable mechanical linking device according to Claim 5, wherein the piston (21) incorporates a second cylindrical seat (29) of a diameter less than that of the cylindrical surface (22) or first seat retaining the tips, said second seat being positioned opposite the bore (20) delimited by the tips (15) when the piston (21) is translated under the action of the gas pressure, thereby allowing the tips (15) to bend in the direction of the piston (21), such bending allowing the external profile (18) of the tips (15) to be disengaged from its matching profile (19).

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10. (Amended) An unlockable mechanical linking device according to Claim 3, wherein the cylindrical surface (22), or first piston seat retaining the tips incorporates a rib (33) co-operating with a circular groove arranged on the cylindrical surface of the internal bore (20) so as to ensure the axial positioning of the piston (21) in its retention position.

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11. (Amended) An unlockable mechanical linking device according to Claim 3, wherein it incorporates at least three deformable tips (15) evenly spaced angularly.

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12. (Amended) An unlockable mechanical linking device according to Claim 2, wherein the first of the mechanical elements carrying the deformable tips (15) comprises a threaded part (68) forming the shaft of a screw, the second mechanical element constituting a head (67) for said screw.

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14. (Amended) An unlockable mechanical linking device according to Claim 12, wherein the axial bore (20) receiving the piston (21) is arranged in the screw shaft (68).

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16. (Amended) An unlockable mechanical linking device according to Claim 14, wherein the piston (21) incorporates a ring-shaped sealing ring (73) co-operating with an internal cylindrical surface of the bore (20).

17. (Amended) An unlockable mechanical linking device according to Claim 13, wherein the screw head (67) comprises a body (70) delimiting an internal chamber (74) that is obturated on one side by the screw shaft (68) and on the other by a plug (75) that presses on a peripheral protuberance (78) of the pyrotechnic component (23), a spacer ring (79) surrounding an end of the

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pyrotechnic component (23) and incorporating a first abutment surface (80) co-operating with the protuberance (78) on the component and a second abutment surface (81) for an end (82) of the screw shaft (68) so as to avoid any contact between it and the pyrotechnic component (23) when the plug (75) is mounted.

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20. (Amended) An unlockable mechanical linking device according to Claim 18, wherein the jaws (45) are held in contact with the piston (21) by at least one flexible ring (46).

21. (Amended) An unlockable mechanical linking device according to Claim 18, wherein the piston (21) incorporates translation stop means (47) ensuring its immobilization with respect to the first mechanical element, such stop means being fractured when the pyrotechnic component (23) is ignited.

22. (Amended) An unlockable mechanical linking device according to Claim 18, wherein the pyrotechnic component (23) is integral with the first mechanical element.

23. (Amended) An unlockable mechanical linking device according to Claim 19, wherein the second mechanical element is

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formed by a nut (36) co-operating with the threaded profile of the jaws (45).

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28. (Amended) An unlockable mechanical linking device according to Claim 24, wherein the groove (56) is made in a ring (58) that is made integral with the second mechanical element (49) by crimping a band (59).

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29. (Amended) An unlockable mechanical linking device according to Claim 1, wherein the first mechanical element is integral with one end of a rod of a master brake cylinder for a vehicle and the second mechanical element is integral with a brake pedal.

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 remain pending herein. Claims 5, 7, 10-12, 14, 16-17, 20-23 and 28-29 have been amended hereby.

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to eliminate multiply dependent claims from the above-identified application.